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SUMMARY: PRESIDENT PEREIRA CONVEYS NEW YEARS' GREETINGS TO PRESIDENT FORD, EXPRESSES APPRECIATION FOR WELCOME EXTENDED TO CAPE VERDIAN COLONY IN US AND FOR AMERICAN AID, AND STATES HOPE THAT EXISTING BILATERAL COOPERATION WILL BE REINFORCED. CAPE VERDE CHARGE ANTICIPATES THAT, UNTIL RESIDENT DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVES ARE ASSIGNED, MISSIONS IN DAKAR WILL HAVE KEY ROLE IN EXCHANGING COMMUNICATIONS. CHARGE ATTRIBUTED CAPE VERDE'S UN VOTING RECORD TO REPAYMENT OF POLITICAL DEBTS AND PROBLEMS OF PERSONALITIES. HE WILL SUPPLY SPECIMEN CAPE VERDIAN PASSPORT FOR DEPARTMENT'S FILES. END SUMMARY.

1. ON JANUARY 6, CAPE VERDE CHARGE ALFONSE GOMES CALLED ON AMBASSADOR AGGREY. GOMES DELIVERED COPY OF FOLLOWING TELEGRAPHIC TEXT AND ASKED THAT EMBASSY DELIVER IT TO PRESIDENT FORD:

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QUOTE: EXCELLENCE GERALD FORD, PRESIDENT USA WASHINGTON.

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AU SEUIL NOUVEL AN HONNEUR VOUS ADDRESSER AINSI GRANDE
PEUPLE AMERICAIN SON GOUVERNEMENT MEILLEURS VOEUX PAIX PROSPERITE
BONHEUR NOM PEUPLE GOUVERNEMENT CAPVERT MON NON PROPRA STOP
FORTEMENT ATTACHES PRINCIPES AMITIE FRATERNITE RESPECT MUTUEL
ENTRE PEUPLES ACCORDONS ATTENTION PARTICULIERE RAPPORTS SECULAIRES
LIENT NOS DEUX PEUPLES AINSI ACCUEIL FRATERNEL GOUVERNEMENT
AMERICAIN TOUJOURS ACCORDE NOMBREUSE COLONIE CAPVERDIENNE ETABLIE
ETATS UNIS STOP PROFONDEMENT RECONNAISSANT CETTE ATTITUDE VOTRE
GOUVERNEMENT AINSI AIDE SUBSTANTIELLE ACCORDEE NOTTRE GOUVERNEMENT
JE FORMULA SOUHAIT SINCERE VOIR SE DEVELOPPER ET RENFORCER
LIENS AMITIE COOPERATION DEJA EXISTANT ENTRE NOS DEUS PAYS ANNEE
1976 STOP AVEC VOEUX AMICAUX DE BONHEUR PERSONNEL POUR VOUS
ET VOTRE ILLUSTRE FAMILLE VEUILLEZ CROIRE MONSIEUR LE PRESIDENT
ASSURANCES MA TRES HAUTE CONSIDERATION.

ARISTIDES PEREIRA, PRESIDENT REPUBLIQUE CAPVERT PRAIA, LA

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2. DURING CALL GOMES TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT CAPE VERDE REPUBLIC
(RCV) WISHED TO CONTINUE AND MAKE CLOSER RELATIONSHIP WITH US
WHICH RCV ALREADY CONSIDERED SPECIAL BECAUSE OF HISTORICAL CONNECT-
ION BETWEEN TWO PEOPLES. SAID PRESIDENT PERIRA WAS PLEASED RECEIVE
PRESIDENT FORD'S MESSAGE WHEN COUNTRY ACHIEVED INDEPENDENCE AND
RECIPROCATED WARM SENTIMENTS CONTAINED IN IT. (GOMES EXPRESSED
OPINION THAT UNTIL THERE COULD BE AN EXCHANGE OF RESIDENT DIPLOMATIC
MISSIONS, HIS MISSION AND OURS AT DAKAR WOULD HAVE PARTICULAR
ROLE IN PASSING COMMUNICATIONS.)

3. ON POLITICAL SITUATION GOMES SAID RCV WILL DEVELOP IN
PARALLEL WITH GUINEA BISSAU. SAID TWO PEOPLES ARE FRIENDLY
BUT DIFFERENT AND WHILE THERE MAY EVENTUALLY BE CONFEDERATION,
THIS DEVELOPMENT MUST NOT BE FORCED.

4. AMBASSADOR TOLD GOMES WE HOPED BILATERAL COOPERATION,
ESPECIALLY IN FRAMEWORK OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, CAN
BE IMPROVED. GOMES ACKNOWLEDGED THAT SOME "POLITICAL DEBTS"
HAD BEEN REPAID IN THIS CONNECTION AND ADDED THAT SOME OF
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PROBLEMS WERE "THOSE OF PERSONALITIES." HE SAID RCV HAD APPRECIATED
US ASSISTANCE BUT HAD ACCEPTED PROVIDED NO STRINGS ATTACHED.
HE SAW NO REASON
WHY GOOD RELATIONSHIP COULD NOT BE IMPROVED.

5. AMBASSADOR AND GOMES AGREED THAT AMBASSADOR WOULD RETURN
CALL IN NEAR FUTURE AND HEAR GOMES' ANALYSIS OF POLITICAL,
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS IN CAPE VERDE.

6. GOMES CALLED ATTENTION TO INITIAL PROBLEMS IN RE-DOCUMENTING CAPE VERDIAN CITIZENS WITH NEW CAPE VERDE PASSPORTS, WHICH WILL SOON BE AVAILABLE FOR ISSUANCE. HE REQUESTED DUE CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN CAPE VERDE CITIZENS WHO, FOR A TIME, CONTINUE TO USE THEIR PORTUGUESE PASSPORTS. GOMES WAS ASSURED THIS WOULD BE DONE AND THAT EMBASSY DAKAR WOULD CONTINUE TO MAKE ALL VISA SERVICES AVAILABLE TO CAPE VERDIANS. GOMES AGREED TO SUBMIT A SPECIMEN OF NEW CAPE VERDIAN PASSPORT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOR DEPARTMENT FILES.

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